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R. I. JOBS TOTAL ROSE 1,200 IN MARCH TO 392,900

Overall employment in Rhode Island increased in March despite job losses in Nondurable Manufacturing industries, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 392,900 workers were employed in mid-March. The monthly increase amounted to 1,200 jobs in the State, and places current employment within 200 jobs of the level recorded for March, 1980.

NONMANUFACTURING

March employment in Rhode Island's nonmanufacturing sectors increased seasonally by 1,900 over the February level. This brought the mid-month jobs total to 267,900, up 4,400 from the March, 1980 figure.

A gain of 1,100 jobs was posted by firms in the Services sector, occurring mostly in seasonal-sensitive industries such as Repair Shops, Amusement/Recreation, Social Services and Membership Organizations, as well as in Private Education (mostly student workers) and the Health Care field. Overall, employment in Services increased by 2,900 jobs in the year.

Government payrolls increased by 300 jobs over the month to 59,700. Federal Government employment rose by 200 jobs in the month – a return to normal levels after a February downturn. State employment rose by 100 jobs.

Residential and Heavy Construction both reported increased activity over the month as Contract Construction employment showed an increase of 200 jobs to 11,300 in mid-March. This is the first monthly increase in this industry since June of 1980. Over the year comparisons indicate an increase of 500 jobs.

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WANTED: EMPLOYERS WITH SUMMER JOBS

The 13th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for needy students 16 to 21 years old is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary goal of the effort is to find summer jobs for students 16 - 21 with the emphasis on placing the most needy first.

Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1981 summer job openings with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Last year's campaign resulted in 653 jobs for young people in the private sector alone; twenty percent of these jobs went to minorities and sixty-five percent of the young people placed were economically disadvantaged. DES recruits young applicants through schools, community action programs and Call-A-Teen as well as through its own statewide system of local Job Service offices. All youth are referred directly to the Job Service for registration and placement.

Job orders for summer workers and for permanent additions to your workforce can be placed with the Job Bank or by calling any office of the Rhode Island Job Service. A listing appears on the last page of this Bulletin.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending March 31, 1981, must be filed by April 30, 1981, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No Payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE — EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	March 1981	Feb. 1981	March 1980
Total Placements	2,218	1,709	1,588
New Applications	5,642	4,908	4,445
New Openings Received	2,932	2,654	2,608

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	March 1981	Feb. 1981	% Change from Feb.
Initial Claims	10,228	12,454	− 17.9
No. of Payments	85,403	83,556	+ 2.2
Amt. of Payments	$8,013,831	$7,795,472	+ 2.8
Exhaustions	2,049	1,499	+ 36.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	% Change From Feb.
Initial Claims	1,891	1,729	+ 9.4
No. of Payments	17,260	15,546	+ 11.0
Amt. of Payments	$1,601,656	$1,394,789	+ 14.8

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
MARCH 1981

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	21,624	100.0
Men	12,697	58.7
Under 45	8,838	69.6
45 and over	3,859	30.4
Women	8,927	41.3
Under 45	5,600	62.7
45 and over	3,327	37.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,535	16.3
Manufacturing	8,876	41.0
Public Utilities	767	3.5
Trade	2,288	10.6
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	520	2.4
Service	2,327	10.8
All Other	3,311	15.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,950	9.0
Clerical and Sales	2,820	13.0
Service	1,235	5.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	858	4.0
Processing	793	3.7
Machine Trades	2,145	9.9
Bench Work	3,951	18.3
Structural Work	3,899	18.0
Miscellaneous	2,521	11.7
Not Available	1,452	6.7

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	459.6	456.7	452.5
Unemployment	39.3	36.4	36.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.6	8.0	8.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

N.A. Denotes Not Available

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	30,100	29,530	28,140
Unemployment	2,555	2,275	2,120
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.5	7.7	7.5

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	14,130	13,915	12,710
Unemployment	1,280	1,145	905
Rate (Unadjusted)	9:1	8.2	7.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
East Providence
Johnston
Narragansett
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands			EMPLOYMENT Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980
ALL MANUFACTURING	125.0	125.7	129.6	— 700	— 4600	$237.80	$216.31	39.7	39.4	$5.99	$5.49
DURABLE GOODS	56.5	56.2	57.2	+ 300	— 700	269.28	249.45	40.8	41.3	6.60	6.04
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	224.65	209.25	38.6	37.3	5.82	5.61
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.6	2.7	3.0	— 100	— 400	318.69	296.30	43.3	48.1	7.36	6.16
PRIMARY METALS	8.1	8.0	8.6	+ 100	— 500	296.12	265.25	44.0	43.2	6.73	6.14
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.9	0	— 600	227.92	210.37	38.5	38.6	5.92	5.45
NON-ELEC.MACHINERY	9.5	9.4	9.4	+ 100	+ 100	326.83	305.64	42.5	43.6	7.69	7.01
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.4	11.2	11.8	+ 200	— 400	217.55	203.37	38.1	38.3	5.71	5.31
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.4	8.4	6.8	0	+ 1600	290.80	284.42	40.9	41.4	7.11	6.87
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.0	5.5	0	— 500	254.41	234.63	41.1	42.2	6.19	5.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	68.5	69.5	72.4	— 1000	— 3900	213.01	191.02	38.8	37.9	5.49	5.04
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	3.2	3.2	— 200	— 200	237.18	203.99	35.4	35.6	6.70	5.73
TEXTILES	12.3	12.2	12.7	+ 100	— 400	221.87	202.11	42.1	41.5	5.27	4.87
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 100	208.59	182.28	40.9	39.8	5.10	4.58
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	— 200	226.49	213.72	40.3	41.1	5.62	5.20
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.8	5.3	— 100	+ 400	278.94	283.29	36.8	39.9	7.58	7.10
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	306.50	277.02	39.6	38.0	7.74	7.29
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.2	1.3	1.7	— 100	— 500	257.71	232.74	41.3	43.1	6.24	5.40
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.2	5.4	— 100	— 300	234.99	208.13	40.1	38.4	5.86	5.42
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.8	3.1	— 100	— 400	164.69	133.46	38.3	35.4	4.30	3.77
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.0	23.6	25.6	— 600	— 2600	182.66	162.98	36.9	35.2	4.95	4.63
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 100	+ 200	200.55	174.74	38.2	37.1	5.25	4.71

1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
January 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL			ACCESSION RATES NEW HIRES			SEPARATION RATES TOTAL			SEPARATION RATES QUITS			SEPARATION RATES LAY-OFF RATES		
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
MANUFACTURING	3.8	5.8	4.2	2.2	2.1	2.8	3.3	6.0	4.5	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.2	3.2	1.4
DURABLE GOODS	3.3	4.4	3.8	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.1	3.6	3.3	1.1	1.2	1.8	0.3	1.5	0.7
Primary Metals	2.3	2.9	2.9	1.7	1.5	2.6	1.4	2.5	2.2	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.2
Fabricated Metals	3.2	5.0	3.1	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.2	5.0	3.1	1.3	1.6	2.1	0.2	2.6	0.2
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.7	1.7	3.8	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.5
Electrical Mach.	5.0	8.2	4.8	3.9	2.5	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.8	1.8	1.8	3.0	0.2	1.0	0.9
Instruments-Optical	0.9	1.5	4.4	0.5	1.0	3.1	1.3	3.4	2.7	0.6	1.3	1.6	0.3	1.5	0.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	3.1	4.7	3.8	1.8	2.8	2.5	2.2	4.3	4.0	1.0	1.2	1.6	0.3	1.9	1.5
NONDUR. GOODS	4.1	6.9	4.6	2.1	2.1	3.0	4.3	7.9	5.3	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.0	4.6	2.0
Food-Beverage	2.6	5.6	7.4	1.2	1.1	5.3	5.3	5.9	9.5	1.9	2.1	6.6	2.3	1.2	1.9
Textiles	4.4	4.5	4.6	2.0	2.6	3.7	2.9	5.8	4.6	1.4	1.4	2.4	0.7	3.3	1.0
Apparel	5.9	7.5	4.6	2.6	2.5	1.9	6.0	9.7	5.2	1.1	2.1	1.1	4.2	4.2	2.5
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.0	11.9	4.4	3.1	3.2	2.4	6.2	5.4	8.1	1.6	2.1	2.9	3.4	1.6	2.8
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	2.9	5.4	4.8	1.9	2.4	3.3	3.9	4.5	4.4	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.3	0.9	0.6
Jewelry & Silverware	4.9	3.1	5.0	2.3	1.8	3.0	4.6	11.7	5.2	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.7	9.1	2.8
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	3.1	15.0	3.1	1.8	2.0	2.1	3.9	5.8	5.0	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.7

RATES FOR FEBRUARY 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JANUARY 1981 AND FEBRUARY 1980 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	March 1981	Feb. 1981	March 1980	Feb. 1981	March 1980
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	392.9	391.7	393.1	+ 1200	— 200
MANUFACTURING	125.0	125.7	129.6	— 700	— 4600
NONMANUFACTURING	267.9	266.0	263.5	+ 1900	+ 4400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.3	11.1	10.8	+ 200	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.1	13.0†	+ 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.5	79.4	78.6	+ 100	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	20.7	20.8	+ 100	0
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	83.4	82.3	80.5	+ 1100	+ 2900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.7	59.4	59.8	+ 300	— 100

1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1980 FIGURES ARE REVISED. † LABOR DISPUTE

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Transportation and Public Utilities (11,300), Trade (79,500), and the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sector (20,800) each reported employment increases of 100 workers. Current employment for these industries are at or above last year's levels.

FACTORY JOBS DECLINE

Rhode Island manufacturing jobs numbered 125,000 in March, a drop of 700 from the mid-February total and down 4,600 from the level of a year ago. These monthly and yearly job losses were concentrated in the Nondurable Goods sector, primarily in the Jewelry-Silverware industry.

Durable Goods employment rose by 300 jobs in the month, to 56,500, but remained 700 below last year's total. Electrical machinery manufacturing recovered somewhat from its recent downturn and added 200 jobs in March to a level of 11,400.

Monthly gains of 100 jobs each were reported for firms in Primary Metals (8,100) and Nonelectrical Machinery (9,500), while a loss of 100 jobs occurred in Stone, Clay, and Glass manufacturing (2,600). The remaining four Durable Goods segments remained even with last month's employment levels.

Nondurable Goods employment numbered 68,500 in March, a decline of 1,000 jobs from February and 3,900 since last year. Jewelry/Silverware firms experienced a further employment cutback, losing 600 jobs in the month to 23,000, and are down 2,600 jobs over the year. Employment in this industry is at its lowest March level since the recession year of 1975. Food/Beverage firms lost 200 workers (to 3,000) in a seasonally related downturn in one large establishment.

Losses of 100 jobs each were reported by manufacturers in Printing/Publishing (5,700), Rubber Products (1,200), Plastics (5,100), and Leather Products (2,700). Gains of 100 workers each were seen in Textiles and Miscellaneous manufacturing. Employment in Apparel and Paper Products firms remained even with last month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's manufacturing production and related workforce rose 5 cents in the month to $5.99 an hour, up 50 cents over the year. Average weekly hours worked or paid remained even over the month at 39.7 hours. Resulting average weekly earnings for these workers rose $1.98 over the month and $21.49 since March, 1980

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	464.5	462.9	456.0
Unemployment	38.3	40.2	34.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.2	8.7	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.7	7.6	7.1

JOB BANK 277-3588
or Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant 277-3559
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WARREN, 470 Metacom Avenue 245-9300
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